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## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

To Hold Annual Convention at  
Miami in March.

## LIST OF STATE OFFICERS

And Heads of the Different Departments  
For the Ensuing Year  
Announced.

Jacksonville, Fla.—At the session of the Florida State Sunday School Convention, held in Ocala last April, it was decided to hold the next convention in Tampa, the date to be fixed by the executive committee. It has now been decided to hold the convention on the 23rd, 24th and 25th days of March next. The convention held in Ocala was one of unusual interest, and it is the earnest desire of the state officers to have the Sunday schools throughout the state to take an active interest in making the coming convention exceed in interest and profit any that has been held in the past.

The state officers of the coming year are as follows: President, P. M. Ulsch; vice president, I. E. Munger; secretary, Charles W. Kinne, all of Jacksonville, and C. H. Newell, treasurer, Eustis. Dr. P. Ross Parrish was chosen as international representative of the state, and very ably represented the organization in the convention held in Louisville.

The heads of the departments for the state are as follows:

Reed E. LaMance, Jacksonville, superintendent of adult classes; R. R. Ray, Ybor City, superintendent teachers' training class; Mrs. O. D. Wetherell, Tampa, superintendent primary work.

There will be representatives of the international association present at the state convention, and it is earnestly hoped that the work in the state may receive an accelerating impulse.

### TO DEVELOP GULF NAVY YARDS.

Pensacola Board of Trade to Ask the Government to Act.

Pensacola, Fla.—A movement was inaugurated at a meeting of the chamber of commerce to protect the interests of the Gulf Coast in so far as they relate to the navy, and a committee was appointed to present to the body the most feasible plan for not only preserving but developing the navy yards of Pensacola, New Orleans and Key West, in which the commercial bodies of the south will be requested to co-operate. This action was brought about by the published intention of the navy department to practically abolish all naval stations on the Gulf Coast in favor of a foreign station at Guantanamo,

Cuba.

Many addresses were heard by citizens upon such a move by the navy department in supplying work in foreign countries to the disadvantage of citizens and taxpayers of the United States. The plan to leave the gulf navy yards as they are at present and making no improvements is that of the general navy board, which it is understood, does not meet with the sanction of the present secretary of the navy and the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce intends to start a movement which will have as its purpose a change in the naval plans. Letters were ordered directed to the representatives in congress from Florida urging them to be active and leave no stone unturned to prevent the carrying out of such a plan.

### GOVERNOR GILCHRIST WILL PRESIDE.

Plans for Receiving Mr. Bryan Assume Definite Shape.

Tampa, Fla.—General Albert W. Gilchrist, governor-elect of Florida, in addition to formally opening the Florida State fair, February 3 next, has consented to preside at the banquet to be tendered William Jennings Bryan at the Tampa Bay hotel on the evening of February 4. Plans for the reception and entertainment of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan have assumed definite shape. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan will arrive in Tampa from Havana the afternoon of February 3 and will spend the evening quietly at the Tampa Bay. February 4 Mr. Bryan will deliver an address at the fair grounds and, later, will lay the cornerstone of Tampa's new \$100,000 Young Men's Christian Association building. The banquet in the evening will be attended by the leading citizens of Florida and neighboring states, including the governor and his staff, the senators and representatives of Florida in congress and the state house officials. In the meantime, Mrs. Bryan will be the guest of honor at a reception arranged by the Associated Women's clubs of the city.

### LAND FOR CAMP SITE.

United States Government Purchases Tract at Black Point.

Jacksonville, Fla.—The United States has bought a large additional tract of land at Black Point on the St. Johns river. This land is to be added to the land originally purchased by the United States and by the citizens of Jacksonville for use as a permanent camp ground and target range for the Florida state troops.

The land just acquired embraces 193 1-3 acres; which, added to the three hundred acres purchased by the Jacksonville Board of Trade, and the four hundred acres originally purchased by the United States, makes a total acreage in the military reservation of nearly nine hundred acres and includes the entire peninsula on the St. Johns river which is marked by Stoney Point on the north and by Black Point on the south.

### DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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Sold by Druggists, 25c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### A Dangerous Operation.

is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c at S. W. Rowley's drug store.

## STATE GLEANINGS.

According to the Memphis Commercial-Appeal there is a prospect that the much talked of Grenada-Pensacola Short Line will be built, work to begin in probably six months. It says that "at least twice in the history of the proposed railway, capital was ready to invest when some unexpected hitch upset calculations."

Professor Alexander Agassiz, the professor of natural history at Harvard, and son of the late Professor Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz, the famous naturalist, who occupied that chair at Harvard until his death in 1873, is visiting Miami and making a geological study of the rock and soil of Dade county. Professor Agassiz is a geologist of note, also. Among his many works is one upon the coral reefs of Florida, rich with observations on the habits and work of those reef builders, the coral insects, or polyps. He will probably visit the keys on this trip and make further studies of these tireless little marine workers.

Time was when each community in Florida was isolated in sentiment and in interest from every other and was either indifferent to or jealous of every other part of the state. Then came the era of railroad and telegraph development and slowly the links were forged that bound each to each in feeling of amity and a common interest, and Florida became truly a state. That process still continues but another strong factor has entered into it—the long distance telephone. Now that Jacksonville and the other large cities of Florida are connected by the constantly extending telephone systems the time is not far distant when the state will be like one vast city, so far as the feeling of mutual good will enters into the social constitution of a city.

The board of governors of the Dade County Fair association have completed all the arrangements for holding the fair in March. The present board deserves great credit for their untiring labors in the interest of the exhibition. The farmers and fruitgrowers are taking a great interest and it is believed that the fair this year will be one of the best in the history of Dade county.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Children's Home society of Florida held in Jacksonville, several matters of special interest received attention. An election was held for president, the Rev. Dr. Boggs having resigned on account of his removal to Georgia. Mr. Cecil Willcox was elected president. Two vacancies were reported in the board of directors, caused by the death of the Honorable W. J. Bryan and Mr. George W. Wilson. The Honorable Albert W. Gilchrist and Mr. E. O. Painter were chosen to fill the vacancies on the board. Mr. R. V. Covington was elected treasurer.

Lakeland citizens are much elated over the fact that their suit against the county commissioners, compelling them to redistrict Polk county, according to law, had been decided by the supreme court in their favor, thereby giving this section its equitable apportionment of the public revenues. Polk county was divided into five commissioners' districts when this section was a wilderness, and this district has developed more rapidly than the others, and a great injustice was done in failing to provide for the changing conditions. The people of the north end of the county felt that it was not justice that one district which only has a population of 1,200, should receive the same benefits as the Lakeland district, which has a population of 6,000. The road funds which heretofore have been distributed over a territory about twenty-five miles square, will now be disbursed over a territory about six miles square, which will give this section the good roads, which have been so much needed these many years.

The Pinellas Peninsula Land and Timber company is the name of a new organization which owns or controls twenty-five thousand acres of land on that peninsula. The \$100,000 of stock is being sold in small lots in order to distribute it among as many stockholders as is possible. The company expects to locate some two thousand families.

That there was a St. Lucie county in Florida years ago, established in 1844, and that the new county of that name formed by the division of Brevard a few years ago was the second to be so designated is a fact not

generally known. The later St. Lucie county took that name in honor of the county of which it was formerly a part.

It is a well known fact that Suwannee county produces a great quantity of Sea Island cotton, yet few people realize the extent or value of the crop. Thousands upon thousands of dollars' worth of cotton is produced in Suwannee county and sold to Live Oak buyers. This year the crop was a big one, and carload shipments have been made every few days since September 1. Often as many as eight and ten cars would be shipped in one day.

### Medicine That Is Medicine.

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters: a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kleistler, of Halliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c at S. F. Rowley's drug store.

The authorization by the federal court, sitting at Richmond, Va., of the issue of \$4,250,000 worth of receivers' certificates by the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line, was gratifying news at Tampa. The Seaboard is making extensive improvements there, as it has done at Jacksonville. President Garrett has previously stated that the authorization of the issue by the court would mean that the entire amount estimated for the terminals there would be available at once. The Seaboard is preparing at Tampa for handling the vast commerce that is expected to pass through that port in the immediate future.

### Marked for Death.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A graveyard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at S. W. Rowley's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

The report that the chief of the United States engineers has recommended the appropriation of \$18,000 for the dredging of the Ocklawaha river from Leesburg to its mouth, will come as gratifying news to the people of that city. This amount could be increased.

Captain Selby Buck and a party of friends from Savannah have just returned from a hunt in the Florida everglades. The party killed seventy-one deer, one hundred and forty-one turkeys and about one thousand ducks.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the

Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

### DIED FROM SNAKE BITE.

Rattlesnake Bite Results Fatally for Kissimmee Man.

Kissimmee, Fla.—While hunting thirty miles down the Kissimmee river, H. C. Fountain, a contractor, whose home is here, aroused a big rattlesnake, and in a fight killed it after it had sunk its fangs in him.

With his hunting knife he cut away the poisoned flesh, digging out the wound, and was able to reach the place, where he died, despite all efforts to save him.